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1. TECHNICAL LEVEL COMMISSION OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT IF THE
EEC COUNCIL WERE TO DECIDE TO EXTEND MEMBERSHIP IN FAC, THE
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EXTENSION WOULD PROBABLY BE ONLY FOR ONE YEAR. THE EXTENSION

WOULD BE BASED ON FILING OF A DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION TO THE PROTOCOL BECAUSE ITALY, AS IN THE PAST, IS UNLIKELY TO RATIFY ADHERENCE TO FAC.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE EEC OBLIGATION TO MEET ITS FAC QUOTA DOES NOT DEPEND ON MEMBER STATE RATIFICATIONS. A DECISION TO EXTEND FAC WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL MEMBER STATES AGREE TO SUCH STEP WITHOUT, HOWEVER, OBLIGATING A MEMBER STATE TO RATIFY CONVENTION.

3. THE DIVISION OF THE COMMUNITY'S FAC QUOTA INTO COMMUNITY AND MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS IS AN INTERNAL COMMUNITY MATTER. THUS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE COMMUNITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING ITS FAC QUOTA REGARDLESS OF MEMBER STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT IF THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT TO EXTEND ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOOD AID CONVENTION, IT WOULD BE OBLIGED TO MAKE UP FOR THAT PART OF ITS QUOTA TO WHICH ITALY HAS FAILED TO CONTRIBUTE IN THE PAST. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMUNITY WERE TO EXTEND PARTICIPATION IN THE FOOD AID CONVENTION, ITS QUOTA WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

4. EC BRUSSELS 1906 AND EC BRUSSELS 1856 SHOW THE EEC'S UNCOMMITTED BALANCES UNDER THE FOOD AID CONVENTION.
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